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**November 24, 2009
Regular Meeting
Resolution No. 09-118**

**RE: APPROVING A CONCEPT FOR COURTHOUSE DEVELOPMENT AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE VARIOUS PRE-
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

WHEREAS, the City's court functions are currently located in five separate buildings in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, the oldest of these buildings, the historic Circuit Courthouse, has been in use since the mid-1800's; and,

WHEREAS, none of the existing court facilities meet courthouse standards enumerated in the *Virginia Courthouse Facilities Guidelines*, Second Edition, issued by the Judicial Council of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, as the result of steady court caseload growth, changes in court operations, and the critical need for safer and more secure court facilities, Fredericksburg is confronted with the need for additional space to adequately house its courts and court-related function; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered various strategies to provide the required space and facilities in a manner that resolves current deficiencies and accommodates anticipated future growth; and,

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2009, the City Council considered options proposed by the architecture team consisting of Glavé & Holmes and Perkins Eastman; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council considered two options in detail – Scheme 2 and Scheme 5:

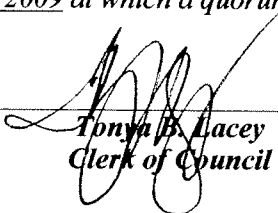
Program Elements	<i>Scheme 2</i> Existing J&DR Court Site (701–707 Princess Anne St.)	<i>Scheme 5</i> Existing Fire Station Site (601 Princess Anne St.)
New courthouse – basement with three stories above grade, four courtrooms, total approx. 80,000 GSF	Circuit Court/General District Court/Clerks/Sheriff	Circuit Court/General District Court/Clerks/Sheriff
Renovated space currently occupied by General District Court (613 Princess Anne St.), one courtroom, total approx. 20,000 GSF	J&DR Court/Clerk/J&DR Court Services/Sheriff Admin.	J&DR Court/Clerk/J&DR Court Services/Sheriff Admin.
Fire Station relocation and expansion to approx. 21,000 GSF	Not applicable	Relocate Fire Station #1

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, as follows:

- 1) Selects *Scheme 5*, as the preferred approach to meeting the long-term facility and space needs of the Fredericksburg court system; and,
- 2) Authorizes the city manager to begin preliminary work related to property acquisition for a new fire station – including appraisals, environmental assessments, geotechnical investigations, and acquisition negotiations; and,
- 3) Authorizes the city manager to negotiate a contract for architectural services for courthouse design with Glavé & Holmes and Perkins Eastman; and,
- 4) Authorizes the city manager to begin procurement of architectural services for a new fire station; and,
- 5) Authorizes the city manager to initiate planning and zoning reviews as may be necessary for the development.

Clerk's Certificate

I, the undersigned, certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 09-118 duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council meeting held November 24, 2009 at which a quorum was present and voted.



Tonya B. Lacey
Clerk of Council